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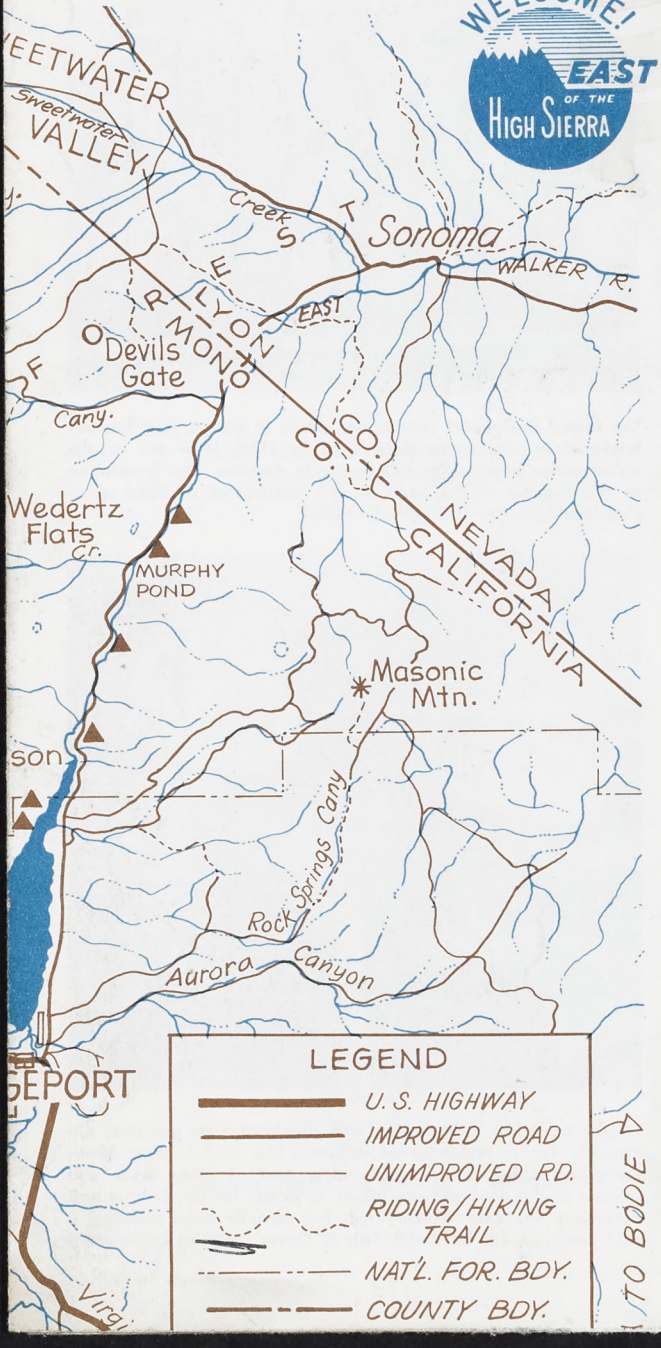

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. . . EAST of the High Sierra

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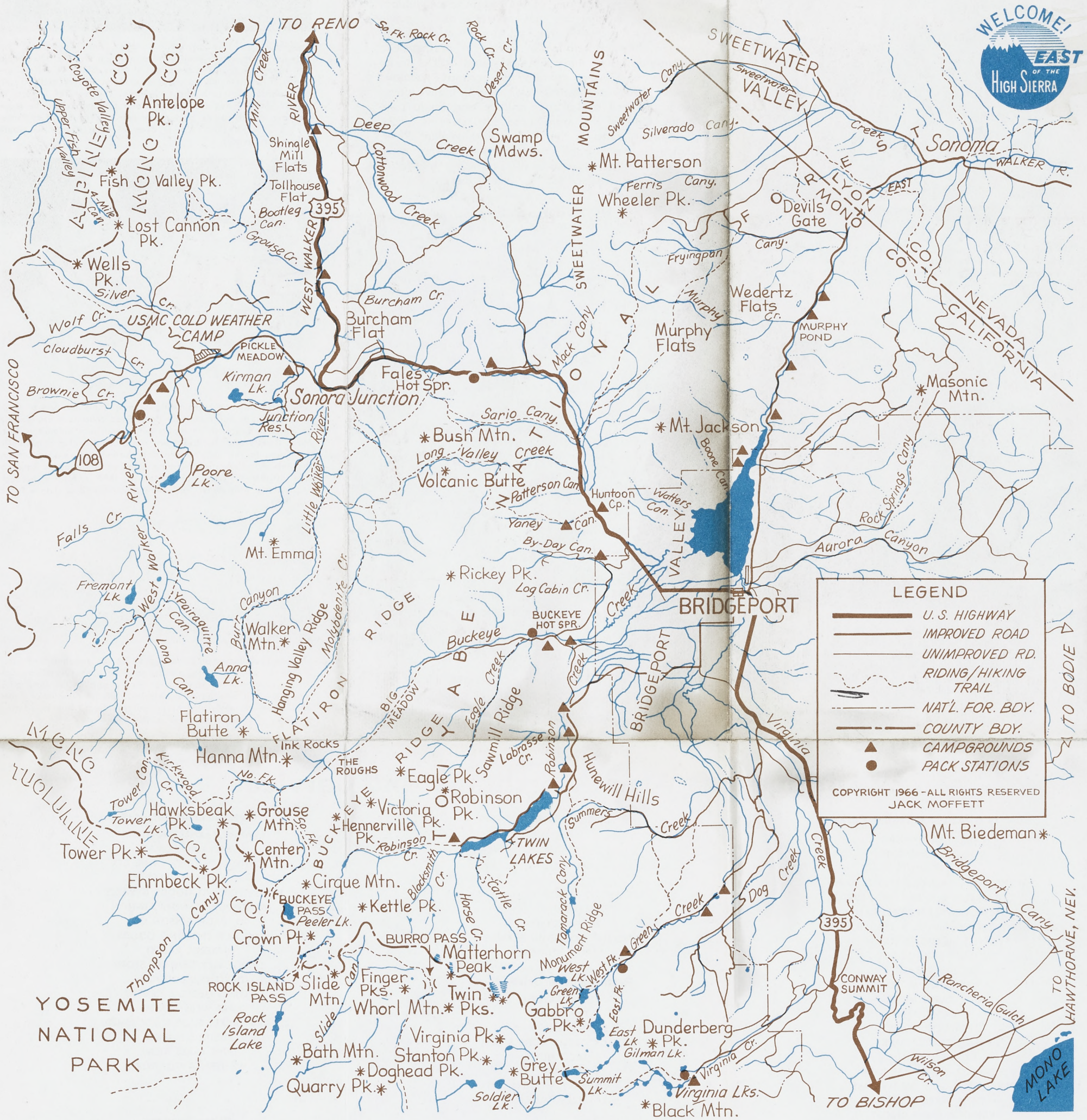

AMERICA'S RANGE OF RECREATION

The famed Bridgeport courthouse, classic in design, is a familiar landmark to Sierra travelers. Built in 1880, it is one of the oldest active courthouses still in use in America. The foundation of this shadow of the early west is constructed of hand quarried local granite.

Trophy trout like these, along with plenty of tasty pan-size, are magnets for a multitude of anglers. The East Walker River, Bridgeport Lake, Twin Lakes and a host of other lakes and streams in the area provide plenty of action for fly, lure or bait fishermen. The East Walker River has recently been declared a wild trout stream by Calif. Fish & Game, with a 2 fish limit.

EAST OF THE HIGH SIERRA . . .

. . . is a well known phrase among hundreds of thousands of fishermen, hunters and campers. This most popular of western America's recreation wonderlands is comprised of countless acres of natural beauty, sparkling lakes and streams, historical landmarks and shadows of the early west.

A center of recreation activity in this magnificent high country is Bridgeport, the core of government in Mono County and one of the magnets for outdoor sportsmen. Angling for mountain trout is the prime target for the crowds of spring, summer and fall fishermen. The abundance of water in and around Bridgeport, over thirty-five lakes and 500 miles of stream and river, contain the scrappy rainbow, brown, brook and even golden trout in higher elevations, as well as kokanee salmon and Eagle Lake trout. One of the many productive streams in the Bridgeport area is the fabled East Walker River, home for many trophy trout. Giant Bridgeport Lake and the scenic and equally fish producing Twin Lakes are more attractions for the visitor. Robinson, Buckeye and Green Creeks are only three of the many crystal clear streams that play host to the neophyte and the expert trout angler.

The vast montage of back-country color with gilded peaks, grassy meadows and countless lakes represent, to the horse rider or backpacker, a genuine "forth to the wilderness" feeling of solitude and seclusion. The back country of the Bridgeport area is second to none in this, America's range of recreation.

Camping facilities are excellent, with most campgrounds constructed and supervised by the U. S. Forest Service. In addition, the Mono County Department of Parks & Recreation has established clean and scenic camping areas for vacationers.

The California Mule deer call the Bridgeport area home. In the vast ranges surrounding Bridgeport Valley, an abundance of deer roam meadows and slopes and, in the Fall, contest with the hunter in a battle of wit in the wilderness. Anyone fortunate enough to view the annual winter migration of deer in Bridgeport can attest to the abundance of these most magnificent animals.

In essence, Bridgeport and all its dramatic offerings, is the climax of high country recreation, a perfect spot for family vacations, anglers, nimrods, camera fans and those engulfed with the vital interests of western history. While in the county seat of Bridgeport, visitors to the area spend many hours viewing and studying the thousands of artifacts displayed in the Mono County Historical Museum.

This, then, is Bridgeport, a prime example of the amazing west . . .

. . . EAST OF THE HIGH SIERRA

Bridgeport and the surrounding valley, once known as "Big Meadow," supports a year-round population of some 650 people but boasts a tourist population of near 300,000 visitors annually. It became the county seat of Mono County as the result of a border dispute in the early days. The town of Aurora, in Nevada, was thought to be in Mono County. When the error was discovered, county government was quickly moved to Kingsley's Inn on the East Walker River at what is now the south side of Bridgeport.

Bridgeport and the surrounding area is home for one of California's largest herds of mule deer. Feed conditions are usually excellent and growth rate of these magnificent animals is fast. Mono County and the Bridgeport area, in particular, consistently contribute to the state's mule deer harvest by ranking among the top three counties. Autumn color of Bridgeport's countryside attracts thousands of hunters in their quest for outdoor sport along with clean, fresh mountain air and a chance for a big buck.

The town of Bodie, once claimed to be the roughest and most lawless of western mining towns, gave up over 100 million dollars in gold at early day prices. Now a part of the state park system as well as a national historical site, the remains of Bodie have been extremely well preserved considering the devastating elements of summer heat and winter cold.

Bridgeport Area Merchants and Services

Resorts & Motels & Trailer Parks

FALES HOT SPRINGS
DOC & AL'S CABINS
CHALET MOTEL
FALLING ROCK MARINA & TRAILER PARK
VIRGINIA CREEK TRAILER PARK & MOTEL
HUNNEWILL CIRCLE H GUEST RANCH
WILLOW SPRINGS MOTEL & TRAILER PARK
LEAVITT MEADOWS LODGE
WALKER RIVER LODGE
MONO VILLAGE
WESTERNER MOTEL
LOG CABIN MOTEL
SLICK'S COURT
REDWOOD MOTEL
ERM'S TRAILER PARK
BRIDGEPORT INN
SIERRA TRAILS TRAILER PARK
PARADISE SHORES TRAILER PARK
TWIN LAKES RESORT
VIRGINIA LAKES RESORT
BILL & MARY'S LAKESIDE

Trailer Rentals

LOG CABIN TRAILER RENTALS
HANK & RAY'S VACATION TRAILER RENTALS

Service Stations & Garages

MARK'S SHELL SERVICE
BRIDGEPORT CHEVRON SERVICE
BRIDGEPORT MOBIL SERVICE
JAY'S TEXACO
BRIDGEPORT UNION 76 STATION
PEMBAR GARAGE
EVANS' EXXON
WESTERN MOUNTAIN SERVICE
FARGO STATION

Restaurants & Drive-Ins

CEDAR TAVERN
THE TRAILS
SPORTSMEN'S INN
FAT JACK'S JOLLY KONE & DELI
TACO HUT
THE TOP
COUNTRY KITCHEN
LASALLES ITALIAN

Pack Stations

GREEN LAKES PACK STATIONS & RESORT
BUCKEYE PACK STATIONS
LEAVITT MEADOWS PACK STATION
VIRGINIA LAKES PACK STATION
MONO VILLAGE PACK STATION
DEVIL'S GATE PACK STATION

Miscellaneous Services

BANK OF AMERICA NT&SA
THE LAUNDROMAT
CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CO.
CHALFANT PRESS
KEN'S SPORTING GOODS & VARIETY
BRIDGEPORT RANGER STATION
SO. CALIF. EDISON CO.
ZIGLAR'S SPORTING GOODS
HI-SIERRA BAKERY
BRIDGEPORT GENERAL STORE
DARLENE'S BOUTIQUE
MONO MEDICAL CENTER
ART WEBB REALTY
PAT'S TACKLE SHOP & LOCKSMITH
BUSTER'S MARKET
TWIN LAKES STORE
WESTERN AUTO STORE

Other Services

CIVIL AIR PATROL — WESTERN UNION
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
COMMUNITY CHURCH — CATHOLIC CHURCH
BRYANT FIELD AIRPORT (RUNWAY 3100 FT.)
U. S. POST OFFICE — MONO COUNTY SHERIFF

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